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THE WAR GOES ON.

Brazilian Nationalists Massing Forces Against Fonseca.

THE DICTATOR LOSING HIS GRASP OF AFFAIRS AT RIO.

Uruguay Warned Not to Assist the Design of the Usurper.—The Little Republic Placing Troops on Her Frontier.—An Official Cablegram Received by Minister Mendonca To-Day.

LONDON, Nov. 14.—In spite of the instructions to the Brazilian Ministers all over the world to deny the existence of any disturbance, all the statements made exclusively in the dispatches in regard to the situation in Brazil are fully confirmed in every particular. There are several provinces in revolt against the Dictator. There has been a battle fought in Rio Grande Do Sul, between the forces of the National party and the Dictator. The latter has been defeated and the National party is organizing in several provinces armies which are looked upon to march, sooner or later, upon São Paulo and Rio Janeiro and, using the expression of one of the National leaders already referred to, "Drive Da Fonseca and his supporters into the sea." The reports as to the critical situation in which the Governor of Rio Grande Do Sul, Gen. Castillo, was placed are fully confirmed, and it may be added that the Governor has since been deposed by the revolutionists.

The reinforcements of troops and war ships which Da Fonseca sent to Gen. Castillo will reach Porto Alegre only in time, it is believed to find that capital in the possession of the Nationalists, who will prepare a warm reception for them should such a course be necessary.

Dispatches received here from Brazil this morning add that the opposition continues to gain strength and that the National party is being reinforced daily by the garrisons of other towns, which have declared against the Dictator. In fact, this movement against one-man power is developing such proportions that it is believed that there are brighter days in store for Brazil before this year expires. The Nationalists at the rate they are said to be gaining strength hope to restore order in Brazil within a few weeks and to establish more firmly the Republican form of government, which is their aim, objective and desire, according to the cable advices of all true Brazilians.

THE EMPIRE IMPOSSIBLE.
The short spasmodic movement towards the restoration of the Empire, which was one of the consequences of the dictator's high-handed action in dissolving Congress, has, apparently, been drowned out by a wave of honest republicanism. In spite of the "reign of terror" strictness with which Da Fonseca's agents guard the telegraph and cable offices, messages (distorted and very brief it is true) manage to reach this city and give some idea of the real situation in Brazil. They show that the dictator's power is waning. No good Brazilian desires that truth to be hidden from the world. Da Fonseca, in using the Brazilian legations to spread news highly colored to suit himself, has compelled the Nationalist party to take steps to let the world know something of the truth. The older agencies have reflected only the so-called "official" versions of the trouble in Brazil. This has caused other and independent agencies to be employed in spreading broadcast the real trouble about the dictator.

It should now be added, in spite of the censorship that there is serious trouble brewing in Rio Janeiro itself. Business there still continues, but a Vigilance Committee, or Citizens' Committee, has been appointed, and this really means that the power there, to a great extent, has passed out of the Dictator's hands.

URUGUAY WARNED.
It having been reported that the Dictator has asked the government of Uruguay for permission to allow his troops to pass through Uruguay territory on their way to Rio Grande Do Sul, it is understood that the National party leaders have entered a protest against such a concession and that they have, to all intents and purposes, notified the government of Uruguay that, should the Dictator's troops be allowed the privilege asked for, Uruguay will have to reckon with the National party when peace is restored. In other words, the National party has plainly intimated to the government of Uruguay that, in allowing Da Fonseca's troops to pass through Uruguayan territory to attack the forces of the National party in Rio Grande Do Sul, Uruguay practically takes sides with the dictator, and that when the latter is overthrown the annexation of Uruguay to the empire of Brazil will be the penalty of this alleged breach of neutrality. It is an open question as to what course Uruguay will adopt in this matter, as both of them involve considerable danger to herself. If she refuses the dictator's request the latter may force his way through Uruguay; if she allows him to pass unmolested she may have a heavy bill to foot some weeks, perhaps some months hence.

Uruguay is placing her entire army, consisting of about 4,000 men, her armed police force, amounting to about 4,000 men, and her active civilian force, numbering about 3,500 men, under arms at various points on the frontier. As these forces are armed with Remington rifles, and as they have sixty pieces of artillery to back them up, Uruguay could, if she so desired, make a strong protest against the Dictator's action upon the part of the dictator of Brazil. Perhaps it would be most advisable for her to remain neutral, for there is no doubt that a heavy reckoning with her will follow the victory of the Nationalists, supposing them to be ultimately victorious, if she in any way lends herself to assisting the Dictator to crush the National party.

OFFICIAL NEWS.
CABLEGRAM RECEIVED BY MINISTER MENDONCA AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 14.—**SENIOR MED-**

donca, the Brazilian Minister, this morning received the following cablegram from the Minister of Foreign Relations at Rio De Janeiro:

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Brazilian Minister, Washington:
I am in receipt of your telegram of yesterday, denying news of secession of Rio Grande Do Sul or any other province. We have received a telegram from the capital of Rio Grande, published in to-day's "Diário Oficial," says the board of directors of the provincial government and people went to the Governor's house and asked State due to causes known to him to resign his office in order to avoid a contest. Gov. Costa, who is a personal friend of mine, was sent as follows: Dr. Álvaro Brazil; Dr. Casol, Ribeiro and Gen. Osorio, who are frequently re-chosen and public officials.

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